

THE MIRJAM HELIN COMPETITION

A Leading Global Competition for Exceptional Singing Talent

THE MIRJAM HELIN INTERNATIONAL SINGING COMPETITION WELCOMES THE WORLD'S MOST OUTSTANDING YOUNG SINGERS TO HELSINKI, FINLAND ON 20–29 MAY 2019. DESIGNED FOR THE STARS OF TOMORROW, THE COMPETITION IS KNOWN FOR ITS HIGH STANDARD, BROAD AND DEMANDING REPERTOIRE, SUPERB PRIZES AND PRESTIGIOUS JURY. MANY OF ITS FORMER PRIZEWINNERS, SUCH AS ELĪNA GARANČA AND RENÉ PAPE, HAVE RISEN TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD OF SINGING.

PRIZES

I €30,000
II €20,000
III €15,000
IV €10,000

For both women and men.

Prizes totalling €173,000

Special and engagement prizes; the Competition collaborates with the Ondine record label.

The Competition is organised once every five years by the Finnish Cultural Foundation.

CATEGORIES

Women b. 1989 or later
Men b. 1987 or later

RULES

Available on mirjamhelin.fi in seven languages: Chinese, English, Finnish, French, German, Russian and Spanish.

REPERTOIRE

Preliminary round (max. 20 minutes)

1. An aria from a passion, oratorio, mass or cantata composed before 1760
2. Two solo songs, of which at least one must be a Lied sung in German
3. An opera or concert aria

Semifinals (max. 30 minutes)

1. A song by a Finnish composer
2. A group of solo songs (lasting 15–20 minutes)
3. An opera or concert aria

Final (max. 20 minutes)

Two works with orchestral accompaniment, of which at least one must be an opera, oratorio, cantata or concert aria

JURY

Jorma Silvasti, *chairman*

Olaf Bär

Ben Heppner

Vesselina Kasarova

François Le Roux

Waltraud Meier

Deborah Polaski

Kiri Te Kanawa

APPLY NOW

at mirjamhelin.fi by 30 November 2018.

Applications begun by that date may, however, be supplemented up to 14 December 2018.

No application or registration fee.

SPECIAL ADVANTAGES

- Broad repertoire (Baroque music, Lied, opera) and great liberty in the choice of music allowed
- Wide media coverage by the Finnish Broadcasting Company (Yle) on radio and TV, live-streamed and recorded. All channels accessible worldwide
- Impresarios and agents present
- Final with the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hannu Lintu
- €1,000 for semifinalists
- Master Classes & a Singers' Studio
- Jury feedback sessions
- A prizewinners' concert on 31 May
- First-rate official pianists
- Excellent practice facilities at the Sibelius Academy
- Venue: the Helsinki Music Centre
- Discretionary travel bursaries
- Free family accommodation, lunch and daily allowance
- Travel card for Helsinki public transport

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